

REMARKS

The United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon United States Patent No. 6,366,809 issued to Olson, United States Patent No. 6,078,871 issued to Anderson, United States Patent No. 5,929,601 issued to Kaib, United States Patent No. 6,597,948 issued to Rockwell et al., and United States Patent No. 6,748,273 issued to Obel et al. Neither Obel nor Rockwell are prior art to the present invention since the claimed invention was created before April 7, 2000. Affidavits under 35 C.F.R. § 1.131 along with the invention disclosure form (IDF) are attached hereto. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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